

BOYS with Hang-Ups



A SELECTED LIST OF BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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I WANT OUT

THE CONTENDER Robert Lipsyte

Dragged by the problems of Harlem, Alfred discovers boxing as a way out. But first he must prove that he's a contender. *Harper, \$3.79L*

COUNT ME GONE Annabel Johnson

Rion thinks there must be something better than his brother's idea of success, but he cannot decide what it is or how to achieve it. *Simon, \$3.79L*

DROP-OUT Jeannette Eyerly

Donnie has an unhappy home; Mitch has trouble at school. Together they leave their troubles behind and run away to get married. *Lippincott, \$3.39L*

GOODNIGHT, PROF, DEAR John R. Townsend

To escape his parents' conventionality, Graham Hollis ventures on a premarital flight with Lynn, an experienced, self-sufficient waitress. *Lippincott, \$4.43L*

THE NITTY GRITTY Frank Bonham

Crafty Uncle Baron seems to offer Charlie the opportunity of escaping from his family and the Dogtown scene. *Dutton, \$4.75*

PENNINGTON'S LAST TERM K. M. Peyton

Scornfully rebelling against his parents, his teachers, and the local police, Penn finds solace only in his piano. *Crowell, \$4.50*

PICKPOCKET RUN Annabel Johnson

Dix could walk out of his father's dishonest business with no repercussions; but when he skips out on Keno and his gang, he's in for real trouble. *Harper, \$4.09L*

RUN SOFTLY, GO FAST Barbara Wersba

Unable to conform to the expectations

of his father, Davy turns to the East Village and drugs. *Atheneum, \$5.75*

RUNAWAY Valeria W. Griffith

When he smashes his stepfather's scarlet Corvette, Phil runs away only to find that there are new problems to face. *Abelard, \$3.95*

SENIOR DROPOUT James L. Summers

Hermine is somebody special — so special that Lon decides to leave school and get a job so he can marry her. *Westminster, \$3.75*

THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW S. E. Hinton

Bryon thinks he can count on his gentle, honest friend, on the girl he loves, and on his almost-brother Mark. But in Bryon's world no one can be sure of anything for long. *Viking, \$3.77L*

TUNED OUT Maia Wojciechowska

Sixteen-year-old Jim is high on life while his nineteen-year-old brother Kevin uses drugs to avoid being so uptight. *Harper, \$3.79L*

THE WAY OF CHARLES SPEAKS SOFT James Rhodes

Arrogant and proud, Charles Speaks Soft must find the strength to surmount the obstacles an Indian faces. *Criterion, \$4.50*

WHO AM I?

THE CATCHER IN THE RYE Jerome D. Salinger

Realizing that the world is inhabited by misguided phonies, Holden Caulfield leaves school and, without purpose or direction, wanders around New York City. *Little, \$6.95*

DOUGLAS Grace H. Richardson

Though brilliant and talented, Doug succeeds only in getting expelled from

school, telling lies, and creating fantasies.
Harper, \$3.79L

I'LL GET THERE, IT BETTER BE WORTH THE TRIP John Donovan

For one brief moment Davy's relationship with Altschuler becomes something more than just friendship.

Harper, \$4.43L

IRON MOUNTAIN Mavis T. Clark

When Joey's near-fatal car accident alienates him from his old friends, he hitchhikes to Western Australia to try life on his own.

Macmillan, \$4.95L

THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE

Isabelle Holland

Not much affection had come Charles's way until the summer he was fourteen when he met McLeod and learned that love has many facets.

Lippincott, \$4.95

A NAME FOR HIMSELF

Amelia E. Walden

"Don't get involved" was Vito's philosophy and it had worked until Morgan Drake came along.

Lippincott, \$4.19L

THE OUTSIDERS S. E. Hinton

What chance do you have to be yourself and to find a place in the world when you're a greaser from the wrong part of town?

Viking, \$3.77L

A SEPARATE PEACE John Knowles

Gene loved his friend Finny, yet chose to betray him. Neither one could understand why.

Macmillan, \$4.95

VIBRATIONS George A. Woods

"There are a hundred things we never say or do, and then one day we find we can't anymore. Like it is now."

Harper, \$4.11L

WALK IN A TALL SHADOW

Amelia E. Walden

Why wasn't he like his father, Big Bill Brennan? Why was he a rebel who always wanted to do something he shouldn't?

Lippincott, \$3.95

ALONE AND APART

"DON'T PLAY DEAD BEFORE YOU HAVE TO" Maia Wojciechowska

Byron, aged fifteen, comes to baby-sit for Charlie, aged six, and begins Charlie's education on how to fight the system.

Harper, \$3.14L

THE DREAM WATCHER

Barbara Wersba

Albert's life is lousy until eccentric Orpha Woodfin teaches him to be himself.

Atheneum, \$5.25

THE DREAMING TREE

Allan W. Eckert

The bent old oak tree becomes Will's own private place — his dreaming tree — as he tries to sort out his loneliness and fears at boarding school.

Little, \$6.50

HIS OWN WHERE

June Jordan

Young, black and alone in the ghetto, Buddy survives his father's illness, his expulsion from school, and separation from his girl with unique courage and inspiration.

Crowell, \$3.95

THE IRON DOORS BETWEEN

James L. Summers

Vic Shan's gripe with the world is so deeply ingrained that he cannot accept affection from anyone.

Westminster, \$3.75.

THE LONERS: Short Stories about the Young Alienated L. M. Schulman

"We are always alone. We are never alone. Even in the center of a crowd of friends, we cannot escape our aloneness . . ."

Macmillan, \$5.95

OX: The Story of a Kid at the Top

John Ney

"... I live in Palm Beach and I'm supposed to have everything, but ... how come I feel so lousy? All the time."

Little, \$4.95

THE PARAGON

John Knowles

Non-conformist Lou Colfax finds that his sophomore year at Yale is a series of

struggles against his roommate, his girl, his family, and even himself.

Random, \$5.95

STICKS AND STONES Lynn Hall

As a false rumor implying homosexual-ity spreads throughout the school, Tom finds himself a confused and hurt out-cast.

Follett, \$4.98L

VIVA CHICANO Frank Bonham

Accused of attempted murder, young parolee Keeny Duran runs — back to pills, back to the old gang.

Dutton, \$4.50

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

DURANGO STREET Frank Bonham

Out of the boys' prison camp and back on the streets of Coast City, Rufus Henry knows he must join the Moors — no matter what his parole officer says.

Dutton, \$4.50

FOG Mildred Lee

Luke finds the trip from youth to man-hood disturbingly quick, frightening, painful.

Seabury, \$5.95

HARLEM SUMMER Mary E. Vroman

In Alabama Young John understood what his people were fighting for, but in Harlem the problems were not so easy to figure out.

Putnam, \$3.97L

I THOUGHT YOU WERE A UNICORN
And Other Stories

Paul D. Boles

An unusual boat named *Excalibur* is launched; poor, unhappy Max swallows a turtle on Christmas Eve; and Hank Roberts gets punched in the jaw in honor of beautiful Ardetha in these tales of growing up.

Little, \$5.95

THE SUMMER PEOPLE

John R. Townsend

In their seventeenth summer just a few weeks before the declaration of World War II, Philip and Sylvia embark upon a deception which reaches far into the future.

Lippincott, \$4.95

TEACUP FULL OF ROSES

Sharon B. Mathis

Joe must choose between his brothers: one an artist whose talents are wasted by drugs and another who is straight, beautiful, and bright.

Viking, \$4.50

WHOSE TOWN? Lorenz B. Graham

As violence erupts in North Town, David is caught between the ways of a militant black power group and the non-violence advocated by his family.

Crowell, \$4.50

YOU CAN'T MAKE IT BY BUS

James L. Summers

Do Paul Guevara's loyalties lie with his Mexican heritage or with his American citizenship?

Westminster, \$3.95

I WANT IN

FOGARTY Emily C. Neville

Dan Fogarty, playwright, loafer and law school dropout, wants to work but only if his job is meaningful.

Harper, \$3.79L

HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUT

John Clarke

Joe quits school and goes to work, but discovers that good jobs are tough to come by for the high school dropout.

Doubleday, \$3.95

JAZZ COUNTRY

Nat Hentoff

An aspiring jazz musician, Tom Curtis soon realizes that he must have soul to make it as a blues man.

Harper, \$3.79L

THE LONER

Ester Wier

The boy has no parents, no home, not even a name. One winter he finds himself in Montana, tending sheep and learning what love is all about.

McKay, \$4.19L

RADIGAN CARES Jeannatte Eyerly

Except for his car, everything bored Doug Radigan until pretty, blond Emily introduced him to the drama and excitement of politics.

Lippincott, \$4.43L